

the establishment of the Valley Community Church. The Church targets its ministry work toward Hispanics who are not attending church and who need spiritual and civic growth. I have the pleasure of having Mr. Payne serve as a co-chairman on my Congressional Hispanic Advisory Committee. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Republican Central Committee and the California State Republican National Hispanic Assembly. Because of his military background, Mr. Payne also volunteers his time to several local veteran organizations. He is the past commander and currently an officer of the American Legion Post 4. He is also an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American G.I. Forum, and the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Payne is also active with youth. For the past five years he has served as co-coordinator of the popular Toys for Tots Christmas effort, which provides 20,000 gifts to needy children. He also co-founded "Drug Dilemma", a life drama project that is working to discourage high school students from experimenting with drugs. He and his wife Mary Lynn have two daughters.

Dennis J. Sanchez was born in Hanford, California where he attended local schools. After high school he attended College of the Sequoias and later graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in agronomy. After college Mr. Sanchez returned to Hanford, and along with his brother Peter, began farming operations in the early 1950's. At the same time, he enlisted into the California National Guard 2nd Battalion 49th Infantry Division, and received an honorable discharge in 1964 as a First Lieutenant. In 1968 he co-founded Sanchez & Sanchez Grain. In 1974 he opened Sanchez Feed & Seed. Today he continues to work on the farming side of the business, while juggling a very busy civic schedule. Throughout his adult life, Mr. Sanchez has volunteered and contributed to several organizations—namely, the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Kings County Farm Bureau, the State Fair Board, the Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber and the San Joaquin Valley Latino Vote Coalition. In 1994, Dennis Sanchez was elected to the Hanford City Council. As an elected official, he has furthered efforts in the areas of crime and juvenile delinquency prevention, job creation, and attracting new business into the Hanford area. Mr. Sanchez is the father of four children, and the proud grandfather of ten children. It is for these reasons that he was selected as a 1998 Portrait of Success.

Dr. Robert Segura is a professor of education at California State University Fresno, a position he has held since 1980. Dr. Segura earned a baccalaureate and masters degree from New Mexico Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico. He attained a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. In his current position, Dr. Segura provides instruction in the social and cultural foundations of education. Previously, he was responsible for the development, implementation and administration of federal and state projects that service the university and public schools in Fresno. Dr. Segura has also served as an educational presenter, evaluator and consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, California's Department of Education and dozens of universities across the country. He has assisted in such areas as bilingual

education, the education of gifted minority students, desegregation policy, migrant programs and a myriad of other issues. Dr. Segura has also published a series of bilingual children's books which are based on the characters of "Chato" and "Sapo." Dr. Segura's delightful and intriguing collection follows Chato and Sapo on many adventures, discoveries and pitfalls that they experience in school. Dr. Robert Segura is also recognized for his involvement in the political arena. I have the pleasure of having Dr. Segura serve as both a community representative for me in Fresno County and as co-chairman on my Congressional Hispanic Advisory Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Hispanic Task Force and has served as President of the Fresno Chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Association. Additionally, he chairs the Human Relations Commission for the City of Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Julia Balderas, Lt. Jose L. Moralez, Daniel Garcia Payne, Dennis J. Sanchez and Dr. Robert Segura for being recognized as the KSEE 24 and Companies that Care 1998 Hispanic-American Portraits of Success honorees. I applaud the contributions, ideas, and leadership they have exhibited in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these fine individuals many more years of success.

#### IN HONOR OF NAO TAKASUGI

#### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 18, 1998*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a native son of my district, a man who decided to become part of the solution when confronted by a reticent City Hall, and who turned that decision into a distinguished career on behalf of his fellow citizens.

Nao Takasugi will retire from the California Assembly this year after three dignified terms. He began his foray into politics in much the same way I began mine: Bureaucratic bumbling forced him to take on his local government. He ran for the Oxnard City Council in 1976, won, and then got right to work. During his 10 years as mayor of Ventura County's largest city, Mr. Takasugi was credited with piloting it through its most productive years by creating jobs and encouraging economic growth.

In 1992, Mr. Takasugi decided to take his problem-solving expertise to the state level and ran successfully for the California Assembly in the 37th District. Bills he introduced that were signed into law include an expanded Taxpayer Bill of Rights, creation of a settlement authority for taxpayers in dispute with the California Franchise Tax Board, adding Hepatitis B to the list of diseases children must be vaccinated against prior to attending school, and creating a three-year pilot project to extend the school year for the Oxnard Union High School District.

Mr. Takasugi was well-prepared to be an effective legislator. He was valedictorian of Oxnard High School and received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Temple University before earning his MBA from Wharton School of Business and Finance. He speaks

both Japanese and Spanish. He has been a successful businessman for more than 35 years. He and Judy have been married 46 years and have five grown children.

Once he became involved in government, Mr. Takasugi took it on with the same zeal with which he conducts his private life. He has chaired more than 25 local, statewide, and national boards and commissions, including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and the Economic Development Advisory Board. He has become a recognized expert on transportation and government issues.

In short, Mr. Takasugi is a shining example of the power inside each individual to make a difference. He has made that difference on behalf of the people in his community, his county and his state. Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking Mr. Takasugi for his many years of selfless service and wish him well in any future endeavors.

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH?

#### HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 18, 1998*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, seven new inlets between Moriches Inlet and Quogue village line were created when the ocean broke through the dunes. Many dune houses were carried off their foundations, were broken in pieces, and were washed into Moriches Bay, or cast up on the Mainland. This was also the fate of the Moriches and the Potunk Coast Guard Stations. People in those beach houses, those fortunate enough to cling to roofs, or able to swim, were tossed up on the Oneck section of the village, or on the golf course. Of about 179 dunes homes, only a few remained, and those were left in uninhabitable condition. Other areas of the village which were particularly badly hit were Beach Lane, Stevens Lane, Main Street, and Library Avenue.

The West Bay Bathing Beach (Swordfish Club) was destroyed. The Rogers' Beach Club (Rogers Pavilion) was badly damaged. The Quantuck Beach Club was washed away, and its clubhouse was later found one mile directly north on a Quogue lawn.

The south end of the West Bay Bridge (Swordfish Bridge) was torn off, rendering it useless. The golf course was littered with wreckage from the beach. The Westhampton Yacht Basin was a shambles, with many work and pleasure boats either sunk, or up on the dry land.

Storekeepers and customers were taken by surprise, when a wall of ocean water, pushed by a storm surge, reached a height of six feet on Main Street. The water carried debris from the dunes with it. The first floor classrooms at the Six Corners School were inundated to a depth of nearly five feet, and many windows were blown in. Some two hundred children were in the school building as the storm approached. They were dismissed, and left the school unharmed, just in time.

All waterways and canals rose to unbelievable heights. Waves broke in Beaver Dam Creek, rose over Montauk Highway, and flooded Cook's Pond. Many village residents fled to higher ground, to the airport, or to Riverhead.